

## **PERCENTAGE OF ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN THE SECOND TRIMESTER**

### **Objective**

By 1990, the proportion of abortions performed in the second trimester should be reduced to six percent, thereby reducing the death-to-case rate for legal abortions in the U.S. to 0.5 per 100,000.

### **Explanatory Notes**

North Carolina data are available from 1978 through 1990. U.S. data are not available, since some states do not collect abortion data.

### **Findings**

Despite projections which indicated the percentage of late abortions would remain steady, it dropped in 1990 to nearly the same level as in 1979. In 1990, nearly 10 percent of abortions were performed in the second trimester of gestation. The abortion death-to-case rate was 2.9 deaths per 100,000 abortions in 1990.

### **Related National Objectives for the Year 2000**

No related objectives.

### **Data Source**

North Carolina: State Center for Health and Environmental Statistics